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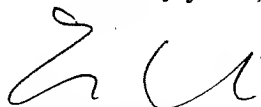
Re: Registration No. 5908

Dear Sir or Madam:

Park Strategies, LLC's Registration No. is 5908. Please see enclosed our most recent relevant correspondence with U.S. government officials on behalf of our foreign principals, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States and the Republic of Somalia.

Should you have any questions concerning the enclosed, please contact the undersigned at (212) 883-5608. Thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,



Sean King  
Vice President

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**From:** Sean King  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 12:39 PM  
**To:** Bland, Amber (Barrasso)  
**Cc:** JOHN ZAGAME; Kraig Siracuse; Joel Giambra  
**Subject:** Somalia  
**Attachments:** Somali PM MAM bio.docx

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Dear Amber,

Hi, how are you? Thanks again for your last time last month on Taiwan. Just so you know, Park Strategies, LLC and I are also registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Republic of Somalia.

As I'm sure you've heard and read, Somalia's Transitional Federal Government is leading a valiant effort to hold off a vicious insurgency from the al Qaeda-linked Harakat al-Shabaab. In fact, many of Somalia's leaders, including Prime Minister Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed himself (please see the Prime Minister's bio attached), are U.S. citizens who have gone home to wage this gallant struggle and are in turn risking their lives. What's more, abject famine also plagues Somalia.

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Could John and I possibly stop by next Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> to briefly introduce you to Ambassador Arman? As a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, I'm sure Senator Barrasso can benefit from what you might be able to tell him after you meet Ambassador Arman. Thanks for any time you can afford us, and thanks in advance for your kind consideration. We hope to spend some time with you soon.

Best wishes,

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# Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed

On October 14, 2010, Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed was appointed the new Prime Minister of Somalia by the country's President. The Somali Parliament overwhelmingly approved Mohamed's appointment on October 31, 2010. 297 of the 392 Members of Parliament endorsed the selection, 92 MPs voted against, and 3 abstained.

Political analysts who have weighed in on the selection have generally expressed optimism in Mohamed's prospects of fulfilling his duties as Prime Minister in the face of an obstinate insurgency in the southern part of the country. Factors cited include Mohamed's background in the Somali Diaspora; his lack of political baggage; his diplomatic and administrative experience; his commitment to democratic principles; his relatively young age; and the fresh perspective he brings to his office by which he aims to generate greater public support for the government among Somalia's beleaguered people.

United Nations General Ban Ki-Moon personally congratulated Mohamed on his new appointment, and commended the Somali leadership for having reached a consensus on procedural arrangements that facilitated a transparent and consultative confirmation of the Premier. The African Union also welcomed the new Prime Minister and re-affirmed the AU's support for the Somali government.

On November 1, 2010, Mohamed was sworn into office at a ceremony held in the presidential residence, Villa Somalia.

On November 12, 2010, Mohamed named a new Cabinet. He noted that "the Somali people and the international community were waiting for a competent and credible Somali cabinet, and I am happy to appoint this lean, capable cabinet." The ministerial positions were significantly reduced in number, with only 18 administrative posts versus the previous government's bloated 39 positions. Only two Ministers from the previous Cabinet were reappointed. The remaining ministerial positions were largely assigned to technocrats new to the Somali political arena.

## War on Terror and Piracy

Since taking office Prime Minister Mohamed has concentrated on building the basic institutions of government and "fighting a two-front war against terrorism and piracy." The Al Shabab terrorist organization, with its close links to Al Qaeda, has been targeted with greater urgency and military effectiveness. In recent weeks, significant progress has been made on the ground in Somalia against Al Shabab by the new government and the allied **African Union Mission for Somalia (AMISOM)**, securing greater government control of the Capital Mogadishu and gaining territory on a number of fronts across the country. With almost a thousand newly-trained government troops on the way, set to be augmented by an additional 4000 AMISOM soldiers, the pace of territorial gains is expected to accelerate.

## **Reforms**

In its first 50 days in office, members of the Independent Constitutional Commission were appointed to engage Somali constitutional lawyers, religious scholars and experts in Somali culture over the nation's upcoming new constitution, a key part of the government's Transitional Federal Tasks.

To improve transparency, Cabinet ministers were required to fully disclose their assets and signed a code of ethics. An Anti-Corruption Commission with the power to carry out formal investigations and to review government decisions and protocols was established so as to more closely monitor all activities by public officials. A budget outlining 2011's federal expenditures was also put before and approved by members of parliament, with the payment of civil service employees prioritized. In addition, a full audit of government property and vehicles is being put into place.

## **Personal life**

Mohamed was born in Mogadishu Somalia in 1962, and holds both Somali and American citizenship. He is married to Zeinab Moallim, with whom he has four children; two sons and two daughters, aged 7 to 19.

## **Education**

Mohamed was educated in the United States at the State University of New York at Buffalo. In 1993, he completed a Bachelor's Degree in history. In 2009 he received a Master's Degree in Political Science (American Studies). His dissertation was titled: "U.S. Strategic Interest in Somalia: From the Cold War Era to the War on Terror."

## Valerie Levin

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**From:** Sean King  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 12:48 PM  
**To:** Lutovsky, Nathaniel (Conrad)  
**Cc:** JOHN ZAGAME; Kraig Siracuse; Joel Giambra  
**Subject:** RE: Somalia  
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Sorry, but I forgot to include the PM's bio. Please see it here attached, apologies.

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**From:** Sean King  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 12:47 PM  
**To:** 'Lutovsky, Nathaniel (Conrad)'  
**Cc:** 'JOHN ZAGAME'; Kraig Siracuse; Joel Giambra  
**Subject:** Somalia

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Dear Nathaniel,

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Could John and I possibly stop by next Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> to briefly introduce you to Ambassador Arman? As a member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, I'm sure Senator Conrad can benefit from what you might be able to tell him after you meet Ambassador Arman. Thanks for any time you can afford us, and thanks in advance for your kind consideration. We hope to spend some time with you soon.

Best wishes,

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**From:** Sean King  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 12:50 PM  
**To:** Valerie Levin  
**Subject:** FW: Congressman Fossella Somalia meeting request with Congressman Smith

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**From:** JOHN ZAGAME [<mailto:jzagameny@msn.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 12:42 PM  
**To:** [mary.noonan@mail.house.gov](mailto:mary.noonan@mail.house.gov)  
**Cc:** vito fossella; Kraig Siracuse; Sean King; Joel Giambra; Robin Wolfgang; Dana Sanneman  
**Subject:** Congressman Fossella Somalia meeting request with Congressman Smith

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Ms. Noonan,

This is per your conversation with Congressman Fossella following the recent visit of Somalia Prime Minister Mohamed to Congressman Smith's office. By way of background, Park Strategies, LLC, Congressman Fossella and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Republic of Somalia.

Congressman Fossella and Somalia Special US Envoy Abukar Arman will be in Washington next Tuesday. We would like to schedule a follow up meeting with Congressman Smith and appropriate staff to continue the discussion regarding a possible hearing on Somalia, with particular emphasis on the humanitarian crisis there.

In the short few months it has been in office, the government led by Prime Minister Mohamed has made significant progress in building a more stable Somalia. In cooperation with the African Union and UN the country is gaining greater stability. Yet the problems facing Somalia are still daunting, including a widespread drought threatening to inflict famine on an already stressed population.

Hearings by the Africa Subcommittee regarding Somalia, with particular emphasis on the serious humanitarian crisis it faces, would be most timely. Knowing of Congressman Smith's deep commitment to the humanitarian aspect of US Africa policy, the Prime Minister believes such a hearing would help to focus attention on this important strategic partner as it struggles to avoid starvation on a massive scale.

On the question of whether the Prime Minister or his diplomatic designee can testify before a US Congressional committee, our research has indicated that this can and has in fact been done in the past. One example is testimony provided by a Soviet diplomat on the Chernobyl disaster in 1986.

Your assistance in arranging this meeting with Congressman Smith would be most appreciated. I can be reached at 212 883 5608 (offc.) or 518 312 0343 (cell).

Regards,

John Zagame  
VP, Park Strategies LLC

**Valerie Levin**

**From:** Sean King  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 1:04 PM  
**To:** Larson, Don (Hoeven)  
**Cc:** JOHN ZAGAME; Kraig Siracuse; Joel Giambra  
**Subject:** Somalia  
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Dear Don,

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Could John and I possibly stop by next Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> to briefly introduce the appropriate staff member in your office to Ambassador Arman? I'm sure Senator Hoeven can benefit from what you and/or your colleague(s) might be able to tell him after a meeting with Ambassador Arman. Thanks for any time your office can afford us, and thanks in advance for your kind consideration. We hope to spend some time with you soon.

Best wishes,

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**From:** LaShaun Lesley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 3:25 PM  
**To:** Shapiro, Lauren  
**Cc:** Chevat, Benjamin  
**Subject:** RE: Trip to Taiwan

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Lauren,

Good afternoon and thanks for getting back to us. As you know, Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States.

We understand the complexity at hand and that this is not the best timing for Congresswoman Maloney. We are pleased to know that the Congresswoman does intend on travelling to Taiwan, please stay in touch and let us know when it is a good time for her.

Thanks for your assistance with this.

LaShaun

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**From:** Shapiro, Lauren [<mailto:Lauren.Shapiro@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 10:36 AM  
**To:** LaShaun Lesley  
**Cc:** Chevat, Benjamin  
**Subject:** RE: Trip to Taiwan

In addition, I want you to know that the Congresswoman does intend to go on this trip and we will be happy to work out another time. Thank you.

Lauren H. Shapiro

Executive Assistant & Scheduler

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-14)

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**From:** Shapiro, Lauren  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 10:20 AM  
**To:** 'LaShaun Lesley'  
**Cc:** Chevat, Benjamin  
**Subject:** Trip to Taiwan

Hi LaShaun –



Unfortunately Congresswoman Maloney will no longer be able to go on the trip to Taiwan at the end of April. The Congresswoman is nervous to leave the country since the current temporary CR bill will be expiring at that time. She wants to make sure she stays here if the government were to shutdown. I want you to know that the Congresswoman sends her deepest regrets and very much appreciates the invitation.

Thank you.

**Lauren H. Shapiro**

Executive Assistant & Scheduler

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-14)

**Valerie Levin**

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**From:** Valerie Levin  
**Sent:** Friday, April 01, 2011 10:28 AM  
**To:** Valerie Levin  
**Subject:** FW: Somalia US Special Envoy visit to washington next week

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**From:** JOHN ZAGAME [<mailto:jzagameny@msn.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 10:14 AM  
**To:** [satromjr@state.gov](mailto:satromjr@state.gov)  
**Cc:** abukar arman  
**Subject:** Somalia US Special Envoy visit to washington next week

Dear Mr. Satrom,

This is further to our meeting of March 14 and Assistant Secretary Carson's call to former Senator D'Amato on March 24.

Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Republic of Somalia.

In our ongoing effort to assist the government of Somalia Prime Minister Mohamed, Somalia US Special Envoy Abukar Arman will be in Washington next week (April 5-7) for meetings on Capitol Hill. He will be joined by former Congressman Vito Fossella and myself.

As Somalia desk officer we want to keep you fully apprised of our activities on behalf of Somalia whenever we are in Washington. If at some point during our visit it would be useful to you we are available to meet with you and whoever else you decide we should meet with at the State Department. We would certainly welcome the opportunity to continue the very useful and constructive dialog that took place at our last meeting.

Thanks for your consideration of this matter. We look forward to working with you in any way possible to advance peace and progress in Somalia.

Regards,

John Zagame  
VP, Park Strategies LLC

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